

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance dated April 15, 2008, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the specification, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Applicants hereby amend the specification of the present application to correct an error regarding priority data in the specification, which came to Applicants' attention after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance. Specifically, Applicants have amended the specification to indicate that the present application is a continuation application, not a continuation-in-part application, from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/144,725, filed May 15, 2002, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,738,833, which itself is a Continuation-In-Part Application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/119,074, filed April 10, 2002, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,816,918.

Furthermore, Applicants include an Information Disclosure Statement along with this submission, including 9 references, for the Examiner's consideration.

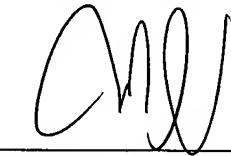
As the amendment to the specification, and the Information Disclosure Statement do not affect the patentability of the present claims, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22-42 recite allowable subject matter. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 22-42 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by

telephone, the applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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